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1. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S TIMELY RESPONSE TO REF B WHICH RECAPITULATED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ECUADOR'S REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE TO ITS NAVY (EN) AND RECOMMENDED A COURSE OF ACTION TO RESPOND FURTHER TO THESE REQUESTS. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR ADVANCE TEXT OF ADMIRAL ZUMWALT'S PROPOSED REPLY TO ADMIRAL VASQUEZ' MAY 14 REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR REPORTED REF C.

2. WE WOULD LIKE, HOWEVER, TO SUGGEST A NUMBER OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ADMIRAL ZUMWALT'S REPLY.
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PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SUGGESTED CHANGES WOULD NOT BE TO

AFFECT SUBSTANCE OF OUR ANSWER TO EN BUT RATHER TO GIVE EN A MORE THOROUGH EXPLANATION OF WHY CERTAIN OF THEIR REQUESTS CANNOT BE MET AT THIS TIME. SUCH CHANGES, WE BELIEVE, WOULD SERVE TO ALLEVIATE ANY DISAPPOINTMENT EN MIGHT EXPERIENCE IN REGARD TO OUR REPLY WITHOUT, OF COURSE, MISLEADING THEM IN RESPECT TO AVAILABILITIES.

3. OUR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

4. RECOMMEND ENDING PARAGRAPH WHICH BEGINS "WE HAVE CLOSELY REVIEWED..." AFTER SECOND SENTENCE WHICH ENDS WITH WORDS "AT THIS TIME."

5. RECOMMEND INSERTING NEW PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY THERE-AFTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THAT THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE VESSELS IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED ARE NOT AVAILABLE NOW DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY MIGHT NOT BECOME SO IN THE FUTURE. AS YOU CAN APPRECIATE, SHIP AVAILABILITIES DEPEND ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS NOT ENTIRELY WITHIN OUR NAVY'S CONTROL SUCH AS THE RATE OF CONSTRUCTION, CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND WORLD-WIDE STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS. I CAN ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE YOUR NAVY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SHIPS AND CRAFT SHOULD AVAILABILITIES DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE. IN THE MEANWHILE, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY EARLIER OFFER OF ANY ASSISTANCE THE U.S. NAVY CAN PROVIDE SHOULD YOU CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN NEW CONSTRUCTION."

6. REGARDING PARAGRAPH WHICH BEGINS "I WAS MOST PLEASED ...", EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT SUBSTANCE OF SECOND SENTENCE APPEARS TO BE AT VARIANCE WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT POLICY WHICH IS THAT ECUADOR IS ELIGIBLE FOR MAP-FUNDED TECHNICAL TRAINING PROVIDED IT TAKES PLACE IN CONUS. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT SECOND SENTENCE ONWARD BE DELETED AND FOLLOWING LANGUAGE SUBSTITUTED: "AS YOU KNOW A LIMITED PROGRAM OF GRANT TRAINING IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES FOR ECUADOREAN NAVY PERSONNEL IS CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED FOR OUR FISCAL YEAR 1975. TRAINING OVER AND ABOVE THAT WHICH IS

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PROGRAMMED ON A GRANT AID BASIS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES. LIKEWISE, TRAINING IN THE CANAL ZONE AS WELL AS VISITS TO ECUADOR BY US NAVY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE ON A REIM-BURSABLE BASIS ONCE THE APPROPRIATE REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE THROUGH THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS."

7. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM PRECEDING PARA THAT WE

ALSO PROPOSE DELETION OF REFERENCE TO OUR FEBRUARY
OFFER OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS. UNLESS THERE
IS COMPELLING REASON TO DO SO, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO
RECALL THIS OFFER SINCE EN TURNED IT DOWN, PROBABLY
BECAUSE AT THAT TIME IT WAS LESS CERTAIN OF OUR
INTEREST IN REVIVING A TRAINING AND SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

8. PLEASE ADVISE.
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